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MARRIED: FRIEND, JESSE

DRAWER 1A CHILDREN OF JOSEPH HANKS SR.

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Hanks Family

Children of
Joseph Hanks, Sr.

Mary

Excerpts from newspapers and other
sources

From the files of the
Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection

Havana, Ill.
July 27, '34

Louis Warren
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Sir:

For a long time I have known that there was some relation between my family and the family of Abraham Lincoln. Just recently my dad's sister visited at our home and she told me that James Friend married Katherine Hanks, sister of Nancy Hanks, mother of Abraham Lincoln. Now James Friend was the father of C. C. Friend and his sons were Boyd Friend and Frank Friend. Boyd Friend is my father. Mrs. Carl B. Chandler also looked up for me and found that Jessie Friend husband of Polly Friend, who was the Aunt of Nancy Hanks. I have no genealogy of the Friend family so I can't tell exactly what relation he was to our family.

My grandfather, C. C. Friend, was
born in Hardin County Kentucky
1835 not very far from the Abraham
Lincoln birthplace. You would
do me a great favor by looking this
up for me.

Hoping to hear from you about this
soon, I am,

yours truly,
William C. Friend.
503 E. Adams St
Havana Illinois.

Friend Family

July 31, 1934

Mr. William C. Friend
503 E. Adams St.
Havana, Illinois

My dear Mr. Friend:

While we have evidence that the Hanks and Friend families inter-married, you have been misinformed about Katherine Hanks being a sister of Nancy Hanks, mother of Abraham Lincoln. Nancy Hanks was an only daughter.

On the attached slip of paper, however, I am giving you the Hanks-Friend connection. We have a great many records and documents here on the Friend family and inasmuch as I lived in Hodgenville, Kentucky for three years, I know a great many of the Friend families personally.

If we can be of further assistance to you, do not hesitate to call upon us.

Very sincerely yours,

LAW:LH

Director

Squire Hall's mother was Nancy Hanks's aunt. When Squire Hall died, October 5, 1851, his wife came with her family (J.J. Hall was her oldest son) and lived with Thomas Lincoln's widow. Thomas Lincoln died January 15, 1851. Mr. Hall has lived in the cabin from that time until March 14, 1890. He now lives on the place in a new and larger house, about half a mile west from the cabin."

"Squire Hall's mother was Nancy Hanks's aunt." The only possible way in which that could have been true was by the marriage of Nancy Hanks, daughter of Joseph, to Levi Hall, mother of Squire and William. The other three Hanks sisters are all allocated to their several husbands. The marriage of Lucy to Henry Sparrow was April 3, 1791, and we shall have more to say about them. Elizabeth Hanks married Thomas Sparrow, the bond bearing date October 17, 1796. Mary or Polly Hanks married Jesse Friend, December 10, 1795, and is the only one of the Hanks sisters for whom there has been no attempt to invent a substitute or a husband. This sentence in Lea and Hutchinson's The Ancestry of Lincoln contains not one affirmation that is not grossly false:

"Charles Friend married Nancy Sparrow, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Shipley) Sparrow, and had a son, Dennis Friend, whose subsequent assumption of the name of Hanks has greatly increased the popular confusion in the Hanks pedigree." (p.122).

Charles Friend did not marry Nancy Sparrow, and there was no Nancy Sparrow, daughter of Thomas, and there was no Elizabeth Shipley Sparrow, and Dennis was not the son of any Elizabeth but of Nancy Hanks the daughter of Joseph, and his name was always Hanks, though his father was Charles Friend, and he did not increase the popular confusion in the Hanks pedigree, which was an honor reserved for Mrs. Hitchcock, and Lea and Hutchinson and those who have followed their misinformation.

The
Congregational Brotherhood



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
OAK PARK, ILLINOIS

Havana, Ill.

July 8 1938

Dr. Louis A. Warren

Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Mr. Warren

I have been receiving copies of Lincoln Lore for several years. In the copy dated June 13. Jessie and Polly Friend are listed as being uncle and Aunt to Nancy Hanks, Mother of Abraham Lincoln. Jessie Friend was the Father of James Friend, my great grandfather. For several years my father told me of the relationship

between the Friend and
Lincoln families. Now we
know how the relationship
came about.

I appreciate getting Lincoln
Lore and always look forward
to receiving my copies.

My grand father C.C. Friend
was born in Hardin County
Ky. in 1835 and his father
James Friend was born in
Ky in 1811.

If you could come to Ill.
and visit New Salem Park
and Havana I assure you
would be a most welcome
guest in my home or my

father's home.

In the Prairie Farmer magazine during 1929 and 1930 a series of articles were published under the heading The Prairie President, in which an account was given of the birth of A. Lincoln. Jessie and Polly Friend were there, because Thomas Lincoln was unable to secure another lady he had already engaged.

Thanking you for the Lincoln Love for these past years, I am, yours truly
William C Friend
Havana, Ill.

July 14, 1938

Mr. William C. Friend
Havana, Illinois

My dear Mr. Friend:

It is very difficult for me to discover anything about the descendants of Jessie and Polly Friend. Could you give me the name of Jessie and Polly Friend's children? I should like very much to have them and any other information about the descendants of Jessie Friend. We do have a fairly good account of Charles Friend and his descendants, but not of Jessie. We will appreciate very much any help that you can give us along this line.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director

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July 27 1838
Havana, Ill.

Mr Louis A. Warren
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Sir:

I received your letter of
July 1st asking if I knew of
the descendants of Jessie Friend.
My father says his grand father
James Friend was the son of
Jessie and Polly Hanks Friend.
We are sure the mother of James
Friend was a Hanks before she
married. But whether or not
there were any brothers or sisters
to James Friend we don't know.

Mrs Carl B. Chandler gave
me the birth and death dates
of Jessie Friend but I haven't
got those now. James Friend
was born in Hardins County, Ky.
in 1811. He had 3 sons and
a daughter. They were C.C. Friend
Joe Friend Perry Friend Sarah
Friends. C.C. Friend had 2
sons and a daughter. They were
Frank and Boyd and Mrs
Angie Hunter. Boyd Friend
has 2 sons and 2 daughters
H. C., Adeline L. Mrs Howard
Lindsay, Mrs Coral Ray.
Joe had 3 sons and 2 girls
Elias, Nathan, John.

Mrs Maggie Shores and Mrs
Nona Griffin. This is as nearly
a complete a genealogy as I
know of.

If you can use this informa-
tion I am pleased to send it
along to you. Any thing else I
can help you with I would be
pleased to do so.

yours truly
William C Friend,
Havana Ill.

August 2, 1938

Mr. William C. Friend
Havana, Illinois

My dear Mr. Friend:

I am indeed glad to have word from you with reference to the family of Jessie Friend who married Mary or Polly Hanks on December 10, 1795.

By 1821 Jessie's wife was dead and he married a second time, Mrs. Mary Scott, a widow of Elitha Scott.

We have been unable, however, to find anything about the children, although I think there were several, in fact, we have one record which implies there were several children in the family.

We would be very much interested indeed to learn the names of the brothers and sisters of James Friend if it is possible to learn anything about them. If you could find out where Jessie Friend is buried, possibly that would lead us to the place where his descendants settled and the time of his death also might help us to make a more complete record about him.

I lived in Hodgenville, Kentucky, for three or four years and knew a great many descendants of the Friend family, who still live there. None of them seemed to know anything about Jesse Friend, most of them having descended from Charles Friend, who remained in Kentucky.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EEB

Director

Havana, Ill.,
Sept. 20, 28.

Rev. Louis F. Garrison
Fort Wayne, Ind.
Dear Sir:

Some time ago you wrote me asking for information concerning the children of Jessie Friend. I just recently received a letter from my Aunt in Coatsburg, Ill. She tells me she doesn't know of any of the children of Jessie Friend except James Friend.

Yours James Friend

passed away before my
father or his brother and
sister were hardly old enough
to talk much with him
about his ancestors.

There are some friend
families living near Tillbourn
Ill. I am going down there
and find out if I can any
thing about their families.

I will write to you
anything I can find out of
importance.

I am glad to be of any
assistance to you.

yours truly
William L. Friend
Harvard Ill. U.S.A.

Wm Friend vs Isaac Friend Heris (Ex 26)

a. Isaac Friend buy 162 ac land in 1802

at Isaac Jr - abt 1802

ab Jesse - " ^{married Susanna Beale Jan 31, 1913} who has since died leaving children names & residence not known

ac Andrew - " also died leaving children names unknown

ad Sarah Wilcox - ^{married Catherine Lee Oct. 3, 1795} also died child unknown in Ill. Ind.

ae Mary Brown - c James, Ruben, Elizabeth O Daniel (John)

af Charles - died ^{name} c. Richard, John, Robert, Lydia, Kitty, Walter, (John), Matilda Morrison, (Wm)

ag Fieldenel - ^(Harriet Mayfield? Fielding) and Harriet, Charles, Robert, James
Richard Le Rue Court Ex 26

af Charles married Sarah Heris

a - Fielding - married Elizabeth Cully

a Harriet Mayfield Richmond (deceased)

b Charles : Glendale Ky (deceased)

c John E : Louisville Ky (deceased)

d Robert C Centerville Mo

e James E. (deceased)

f Richard C Louisville Ky

X Dennis Friend 1840s. born Mar, 15, 1799.

John Friend, land from Thomas Friend. in 1763
near Potomac River in 1763 in Hampshire Co Va

Melchor Friend sold land in Hampshire County in 1768
two miles below mouth of Little Cacapon River.

William C Friend of Haverhill Mass 503 E Adams

(1) James, (2) C.C. Friend (3) Boyl and Frank 4 William C.

Commonwealth
vs
Charles Friend

This day came Nancy Riley before me Isom Enlow one of the common-wealth justices, and made oath that she was delivered of a bastard male child in Hardin County on the seventh day of November in the year of 1803 and that a certain Charles Friend is the father of it. This is in the name of the commonwealth of Kentucky to authorize and request you to take into your custody the body of the said Friend and him have before me or some other justice of the peace of Hardin County that he may be dealt with as the law directs. Fail not, given under my hand and seal the 8th day of Feb. 1803

Isom Enlow

To Mr. William McClure Constable

You are hereby authorized to summons a sufficient guard to bring him forthwith.

Hardin County Court - Judgments and other papers Jan 1809-Jan 1811

Inventory Banner Friends Estate

An inventory of the estate of Banner Friend deceased appraised by the subscribers being first sworn;

One negro boy named Dick	-----	\$ 30. 0. 0
One bay horse	-----	13. 0. 0
One silver watch	-----	6. 0. 0
One pair overalls	-----	0. 9. 0
3 pair stockings	-----	0. 9. 0
2 white denim shirts	-----	1. 0. 0
2	-----	0.15. 0
Stockings, drawers, and great coat	-----	0.10. 0
One suit of clothes	-----	3. 4. 0
2 coats	-----	3.10. 0
Linnencoat, silk hanf. janes	-----	1.14. 0
One saddle	-----	1.10. 0
One ox yoke	-----	0. 6. 0
One smooth bore gun	-----	1.18. 0
3 bridle bits	-----	0. 4. 0
		<hr/> \$ 51. 8. 0

Given under our hands this Dec 23 1893

Conrod Walters
Isom Enlow
Robt. Hodges

Test. John Paul

Hardin County Court Will Book A page 1.
(This is the first inventory of estates filed in the county)
L.A.W.

FRIEND FAMILY
of
Hardin County, Ky.

Children of Isaac Friend, Sr.

- (a) Isaac, Jr. Married Susanna Peake January 21, 1813.
Possibly she was not his first wife.
This family remained in Hardin & LaRue Counties.

- (b) Jesse Married (1) Mary Hanks, Dec. 10, 1795.
 (2) Mary Scott (widow) Nov. 1, 1821.
First wife possibly an aunt of Nancy Hanks Lincoln

- (c) Andrew Married Catherine Lee, Oct. 3, 1795.
Several children but names not known settled in
Indiana and Illinois.

- (d) Sarah Married Ezrial Wilcox, April 15, 1794.
Children unknown.
Moved to Indiana and Illinois.

- (e) Mary Married Barnabas Brown, June 3, 1800.
Children - James, Ruben, Elizabeth (who married John
O'Daniel), Nancy

- (f) Fielding Married Elizabeth Culley
Children - Harriet, Charles, John E., Robert C.,
James E., Richard C.

A. M. Brown's Letters to Col. R. T. Durrett

Excerpts

May 12, 1886

..... " It has been a debatable fact in the neighborhood of Hodgenville whether Abraham Lincoln was the son of Abraham Lincoln, or the son of George Brownfield. I knew both Enlow and Brownfield personally and I have always been satisfied that he was the son of George Brownfield from the the fact of the striking resemblance."

June 17, 1886

..... (Tradition of Mrs. Mary F. Churchill)

"She (Mrs Churchill) said Aunt Petsy Middleton and Mrs. Whitehead, Mrs. Middleton's sister, told her that Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks were married at Mr. Todd's who at that time was living about three miles south east of Hodgenville on the Little South Fork of Nolin where Old Betty Cessna lived. Nancy was at that time working for and living at Mr. Todd's, and thatv Thomas Lincoln was working for and living at Robert Hodgins, then the owner of Hodgen's Mill..... Rumor says that Nancy Had one child before the marriage to Thomas Lincoln, a son, the father of whom was Isaac Friend."

The Durrett Scrap Book p. 243
Durrett Collection
Univ. of Chicago



